

Amendments to the specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 10-14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--~~FIG. 1A-1G~~ ~~FIG. 1~~ is a human genomic nucleotide sequence of a pre-gastrokin; sequence features were determined from cDNA and PCR of human genomic DNA amph-ge8.seq Length: 7995 predicted promoter: 1405; exon 1: 1436-1490; exon 2: 4292-4345; exon 3: 4434-4571; exon 4: 5668-5778; exon 5: 6709-6856; exon 6: 7525-7770; polyA site: 7751.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 20-24 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--~~FIG. 4A-4G~~ ~~FIG. 4~~ is a mouse preAMP-18 sequence determined from RT-PCR of mRNA and PCR of BAC-clones of mouse genomic DNA sequences: predicted promoter: 1874 experimental transcription start site: 1906 translation initiation site: 1945 CDS 1: 1906-1956; CDS 2: 3532-3582; CDS 3: 3673-3813; CDS 4: 4595-4705; CDS 5: 5608-5749; CDS 6: 6445-6542; polyA site: 6636.--